

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original) An adjustable belt device for positioning a shoulder belt relative to a lap belt of a passenger restraint system, comprising:

an elongated strap member having a first end, a second end and a face;

a first fastening element attached to the first end of the elongated strap; the first fastening element being removably engageable with a lap belt of a passenger restraint system; the first fastening element being a plate pivotally affixed to the first end of the elongated strap; the plate having a pair of T-shaped opposing notches capable of threadably receiving the lap belt therethrough;

a second fastening element attached to the second end of the elongated strap; the second fastening element being removably engageable with a shoulder belt of a passenger restraint system; a series of fasteners disposed on the face of the elongated strap; the elongated strap being foldable so that a first group of engaging fasteners engage with a second group of engaging fasteners to form a loop with the lap belt captured and routed therethrough;

whereby the position of the shoulder belt of the passenger restraint system is adjusted.

2. (original) The adjustable belt device of claim 1, wherein the fasteners on the face of the elongated strap are self-engaging fasteners.

3. (original) The adjustable belt device of claim 1, wherein the fasteners on the face of the elongated strap are hook and loop fasteners.

4. (original) The adjustable belt device of claim 1, wherein the plate is made of metal.
5. (original) The adjustable belt device of claim 1, further comprising: a plurality of columns of fasteners on the face of the elongated strap.
6. (original) The adjustable belt device of claim 5, wherein the fasteners are hook and loop fasteners.
7. (original) The adjustable belt device of claim 6, wherein the columns of fasteners include alternating pairs of hook and loop fastener material.
8. (original) The adjustable belt device of claim 1, wherein the fasteners are rectangular in shape.
9. (original) The adjustable belt device of claim 1, wherein the fasteners are square in shape.
10. (original) The adjustable belt device of claim 1, wherein the fasteners are round in shape.
11. (original) The adjustable belt device of claim 1, further comprising: a length of loop fastening material affixed to the face of the elongated strap between the fasteners and the first fastening element.
12. (canceled)